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GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 2, 1974:

QUOTE: IS IT STILL THE U.S. AIM TO HAVE THE GENEVA TALKS
RESUME SOME TIME IN THE EARLY FALL ON THE MIDEAST?

A. THE SECRETARY ADDRESSED HIMSELF, I THINK, TO THAT TWO
DAYS AGO. WE ARE NOW BEGINNING A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS
WITH VARIOUS ARAB GOVERNMENTS. THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE
TALKING AMONGST THEMSELVES. AS TO THE TIMING OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL HAVE TO BE
DECIDED ON LATER.

Q. SO, WE HAVE NO SET TIME?

A. NO, THERE IS NO SET TIME AT THIS STAGE.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU CAN SAY ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S
MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AT CAMP DAVID LAST
NIGHT?

A. NO, I DO NOT. I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. IS THE DATE SET FOR FAHMI'S VISIT?

A. I
DO NOT HAVE IT YET. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU--
AS I MENTIONED IN THE PAST, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LEADERS
COMING -- THE JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER
FAHMI, THE SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE COMING -- AND I
HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THESE AS SOON AS THEY ARE SET.

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Q. DO YOU HAVE A DATE YET FOR RIFA'I? IS HE COMING
SUNDAY OR MONDAY?

A. IT IS NEXT WEEK. I MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE THE EXACT
DATES HE WILL BE HERE AND SOME OF HIS SCHEDULE I WOULD
HOPE MAYBE TOMORROW.

Q. IS HE COMING BEFORE THE EGYPTIAN?

A. PARDON ME.

Q. DOES THE JORDANIAN COME BEFORE THE EGYPTIAN?

A. YES, I BELIEVE SO.

Q. AND DO YOU KNOW WHO THE SYRIAN DELEGATE WILL BE YET?

A. I DO NOT HAVE THAT YET, NO. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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